

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health to the Port Sanitary Authority (Penzance Division) for the year ending December 31st 1951.

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My Annual Report for the year 1951 is as follows:—

Schedule I. Amount of Shipping entering the Port during the year 1951.

The amount of Shipping entering the Port within your Jurisdiction, which comprises the Penzance Harbour and Docks, Newlyn Harbour, Mousehole Harbour, and the Harbour of St. Michael's Mount was as follows:— Foreign Steamers 2, Foreign Motor Vessels 77, with a combined Net Registered Tonnage of 44,993: Foreign Fishing Craft 278 with a combined Tonnage of 4610. British Steamers 625, British Motor Vessels 210, with a combined net registered Tonnage of 188916. British sailing boats 11, British Fishing Craft 187, with a combined Tonnage of 2203. Of these 87 were infected by your Medical Officer of Health or Deputy Medical Officer of Health, and 122 by your Sanitary Inspector. All shipping inspected was to be in a satisfactory clean & sanitary condition and no orders had to be made. On October 3rd a small outbreak of Enteritis in the S.S. "Hegleland Queen" was investigated. Consequently upon a complaint from the Ship's Crew regarding the unpleasant taste of the ship's drinking water, samples were sent to the Cornwall County Analyst for report. This showed that while this water was free from Bacterial Infection it contained 34 parts per million of Tar Acids. The ship having left the Port the report was forwarded to the Owners with a request that the drinking-water tanks should be cleaned.

Schedule II Character of the Trade of the Port.

(a) Passenger Traffic This is wholly composed of Passenger Traffic between Penzance & the Isles of Scilly. During the year the number of passengers carried was - Forwards 18560, Outwards 17984. The great majority of these is comprised of day-return passengers.

(b) Cargo Traffic. The bulk of this consists of Coal & General Cargoes shipped by Coastwise Traffic, and the shipment of General foods to, and fruit, flowers & vegetables from, the Isles of Scilly.

Exports from Penzance:— Bunker-coal to shipping and General goods to the Isles of Scilly.

Imports at Penzance:— Coal and General goods from Home Ports, Timber from Sweden, Flowers fruit & Vegetables from the Isles of Scilly.

Exports from Newlyn:— Shell-fish to Brittany. Salted Pilchards to Italy. Stone to Home & Foreign Ports.

Imports at Newlyn:— Salt from Spain, & Coal from Home Ports. There is an active fishing industry by British & Foreign fishing-craft at Newlyn. The foreign vessels comprise Dutch, Belgium and French Trawlers and French crabbers.

Schedule III Water Supply.

The source of the Water supply for the Port of Penzance is the main water supply of the Borough. At Newlyn the water is obtained from the source belonging to the Newlyn Harbour Commissioners. There are no water supply in your Ports.

Schedule IV Port Health Regulations 1933 and 1945.

1. Declarations of Health are collected from the Masters of foreign ships entering your Ports by the Officers of H.M. Customs & Excise, and are forwarded by them, via the Office of the Port Sanitary Authority, to the Port Medical Officer of Health.
2. All vessels are boarded on arrival by Officer of H.M. Customs & Excise, who notify the M.O.H. of any case of sickness on board.
3. Arrangements for the notification to the Port Medical Officer of Health of vessels requiring special medical attention have been made with the Lands End Radio Station, the Custom Authorities at Penzance and Newlyn and Shipping Agents in Penzance & Newlyn. Such vessels are boarded by the M.O.H. or Deputy M.O.H. in Mounts Bay.
4. There is no special mooring-station in Penzance Harbour or Newlyn Harbour for vessels with minor infectious diseases on board. There is a special anchorage designated for ships in quarantine for major infectious diseases, at Gwavas Pool off Newlyn Harbour.
5. Standing exceptions from the provisions of Article 14:- NIL.
6. Experience of working Article 16:- NIL.
7. (a) Premises and waiting room for Medical Inspection:- As required at the R.N.M.D.S.F. Institute at Newlyn.
(b) Cleaning and Disinfection of ships, persons and clothing :- NIL.
(c) Premises for the accommodation of Persons, as required under the Regulations : at the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, at Newlyn.
(d) Hospital Accommodation for Major infectious diseases:- The Cornwall County Isolation Hospital, Truro.
(e) Ambulance Transport, Cornwall County Ambulance Service (National Health Act).
(f) Supervision of Contacts:- Under the administration of the County Medical Officer of Health.
8. The Bacteriological & Pathological examination of Rats would be carried out by the County Pathologist at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro.
9. Any other Bacteriological Pathological Examinations would be carried out by the County Pathologist.
10. Any case of suspected Venereal Disease is seen by the Port M.O.H. and referred to the V.D. Clinic at the West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance.
11. Arrangements for interment of dead:- Normal Local Authority procedure.
12. Other matters receiving attention:-
(a) Cases of non-infectious disease and accidents requiring Hospitalisation are admitted to the West Cornwall Hospital Penzance.
(b) Requests for Medical advice from ships at sea, are transmitted via Lands End Radio Station to the Medical Officer of Health of the Port. During 1951, 53 such messages were dealt with.

Schedule V Measures against Rodents.

No facilities for the deratisation of ships exist in your Ports. No complaint of rat infestation was made by any vessel entering your Ports during the past year. Routine treatment for rodent prevention are carried out in sheds on the Docks.

Schedule VI Hygiene of Crews Spaces.

Owing to the fact that the greater part of the shipping using your Ports is Coastwise, and therefore subject to frequent competition, a number of nuisances in connection with the Hygiene of Crew's spaces is very small. No Notices had to be served during 1951.

Schedule VII Food Inspection.

1. The only Food-stuffs landed at your Ports comes in Coastwise Traffic from other Home Ports as part of General Cargoes. No food-stuff is landed directly from Foreign Ports.

(a) Action taken under the Public Health Act (Imported Food) Regulations 1937:- NIL

(b) Action taken under the Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations 1926:- NIL

(c) Action taken under the Public Health (Preservatives etc., in food) Regulations 1925 to 1940, NIL.

2. Shell Fish:- There are no shell fish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of your Authority.

3. Number of Samples of food examined by

(a) Bacteriologist:- NIL.

(b) Analyst:- NIL.

I append Tables "A" to "J" as required by the Ministry of Health.

I have the honour to be

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed)

W. LESLIE.

M.O.H.

J.F.W. Bennett
Chairman

24th June 1952.

TABLE "A"

Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected.		Number reported to be defective	Number of vessels on which defects were remedied.	No. of vessels as having defects reported to Min. of Trans. voyago Surveyors.	Infectious Disease on Board.
		By the Officer of Health.	By the Sanitary Inspector				

Steamers 2)		NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Motor 47)	44995	12	13	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Sailing 4	58	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Fishing 278	4610	41	11	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Total Foreign. 331	49661	53	24	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Steamers 625)		8	10	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Motor 250)	188916	21	28	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Sailing 11	324	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Fishing 187	1879	4	60	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Total Coastwise 1033	191119	34	98	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Total Foreign & Coastwise 1394	240780	87	122	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
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TABLE "B"

Passenger Traffic during the year.

Number of Passengers	Transmigrants.
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Outwards :- 17984)	NIL
Inwards :- 18560)	

All one class

Medical Inspection of Aliens.

NIL.

Table "C"

Cases of Infectious sickness landed from vessels
NIL

Table "D"

Cases of Infectious Diseases on Vessels during the Voyage but disposed of before arrival.
NIL
Table "E"

Rats destroyed on Vessels.
NIL

Table "F"

Rats destroyed during the year in Docks, Quays, Wharves and Warehouses.

Black NIL
Brown 42
Species not recorded NIL
Examined NIL
Infected with plague NIL

Table "G"

Not applicable.
Table "H"
Nor applicable.

Table "J"

Classification of Nuisances.

Nationality of Vessel.	Number Infected during the year.	Defects of original construction,	Structural defects through wear & tear.	Dirt, vermin & other conditions prejudicial to Health.
British	132	NIL	NIL	NIL
Other	77	NIL	NIL	NIL

